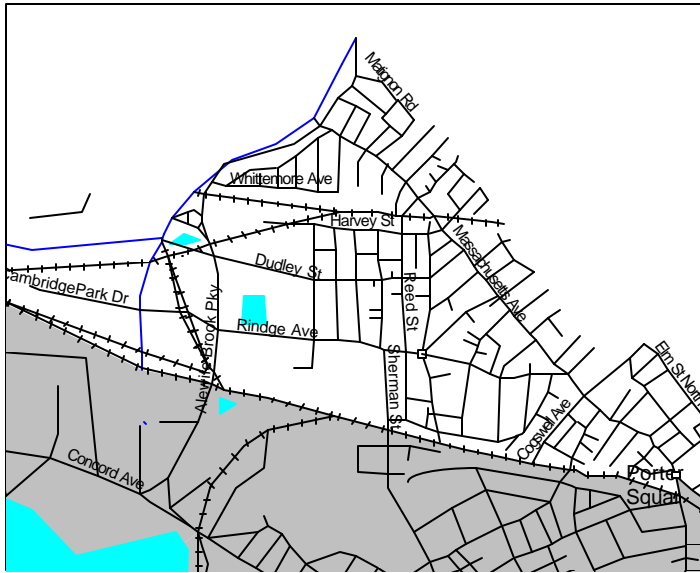
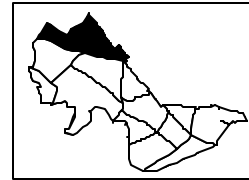


NEIGHBORHOOD 11

NORTH CAMBRIDGE



BOUNDARIES: bordered by the Belmont line, the Arlington Line, the Somerville Line, Porter Square, and the B&M Railroad

POPULATION: 10,642 residents
4,699 households

AVERAGE HOUSEHOLD INCOME:
\$31,516

Neighborhood #11 is encompassed in the patrol boundaries of Car 5 (2 officers) and Car 11R (1 officer). It also includes walking routes 11A, 11B, 11C, and 11D.

COMPARISON OF TARGET CRIME STATISTICS, 1999 - 2003

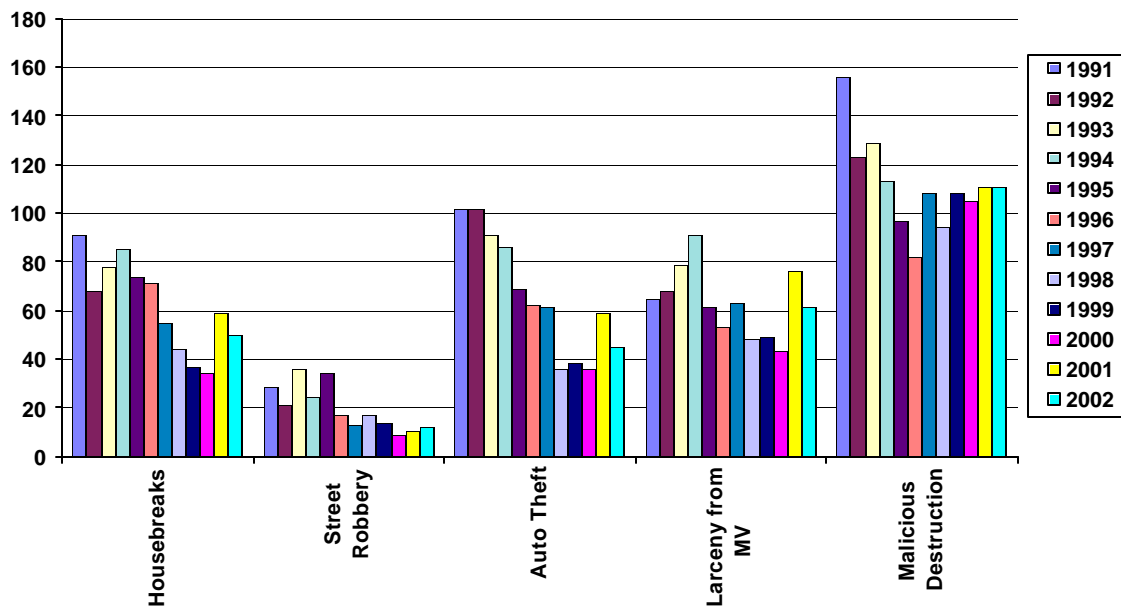
CRIME	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
Housebreaks	8	7	7	19	4
Street Robbery	3	3	1	2	7
Auto Theft	10	11	3	7	7
Larceny from MVs	19	11	9	12	13
Malicious Destruction	40	20	26	19	26
Drug Arrests	4	2	6	2	2

Four **housebreaks** were reported in the North Cambridge neighborhood in the first quarter of 2003. In two of the incidents, the suspect gained entry, but fled before stealing anything. The third incident involved a suspect entering an apartment through an unlocked window and stealing a bag, prescription drugs, cash, and an ID. The fourth involved a suspect possibly entering an apartment with a key and ransacking the apartment. The tenant had lost the key to his apartment at some point prior to the break. No housebreaks were reported in March. • **Street robberies** increased slightly in the first quarter of 2003. Of the seven incidents, three occurred in the 2000 block of Mass. Ave. In four of the incidents, a knife or a gun was brandished. In two of the incidents, the victim knew the perpetrator. • No **auto theft** patterns were reported in the North Cambridge neighborhood this quarter. The majority of auto thefts reported occurred on Thursday and Friday nights between 7:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. Five of the seven autos stolen were recovered. • The **larceny from motor vehicle** total was fueled by a concentration of activity in the parking lots of the Rindge Ave. towers and a small spree of three incidents reported on March 29th in the area of Fairfield Street. The majority of incidents occurred at various times on weekends. Hondas, particularly Honda Accords, were targeted. Stereos and CDs were also hot targets. • Eighteen of the twenty-six **malicious destruction** incidents involved various damage to motor vehicles, including broken windows, flat tires, and scratched paint. Four of the incidents were domestic in nature. The 300 and 400 block of Rindge Ave. was a hotspot for this crime. • Two **drug arrests** were made this quarter in North Cambridge. Both occurred in March. The first involved the arrests of a Boston man and an Arlington man after police saw them smoking marijuana in a doorway. The second involved the arrests of two Cambridge men who were observed participating in the sale of Alprazolam, a prescription drug.

NEIGHBORHOOD PROFILE AND HISTORICAL SYNOPSIS

North Cambridge has the third highest population in the city. Its residences include a public housing development (Jefferson Park/Jackson Place) and the towering Fresh Pond Apartments. Within its confines are three major public parks (Rindge Field, Russell Field, and Linear Park), the bustling Porter Square, and the Alewife MBTA Station. Dozens of commercial establishments line Massachusetts Avenue. As with Mid-Cambridge, its elevated crime rate reflects its high residential and commercial population.

- **Housebreak** patterns tend to occur during the summer months. Incidents are scattered quite liberally throughout the neighborhood's residential population. Each year, the Crime Analysis Unit identifies two or three North Cambridge residential burglary patterns. North Cambridge's housebreak totals have decreased since the 1980s, but did not really start rolling downward until 1996.
- **Street robberies** have traditionally been problematic in Russell Field, Linear Park, and around the Alewife MBTA Station. In the most common scenario, local (Cambridge or Somerville) youths will form packs and strong-arm victims walking in these areas late at night. The packs may brandish knives or the occasional handgun. This type of crime has diminished greatly, however, in the past three years.
- **Auto theft** strikes Rindge Avenue (and particularly the Fresh Pond Apartments) in heavy numbers all year round. The related crime of **larceny from motor vehicles** is reported less frequently.



ANNUAL AVERAGE FOR NORTH CAMBRIDGE AREA TARGET CRIMES					
Crime	1981-1990	Rank 81-90*	1991-2000	Rank 91-00*	Rank 2002*
Housebreaks	100	6	64	3	4
Street Robbery	30	5	22	3	7
Auto Theft	130	5	69	4	5
Larceny from MVs	105	6	62	6	5
Malicious Destruction	125	4	111	2	4

*Ranks are out of 13 neighborhoods, with 1 indicating the highest crime rate and 13 the lowest